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ICE AND CHAMBLEE PD TEAM UP TO ARREST TWO GANG MEMBERS

Gang members now face deportation

ATLANTA—Two violent members of the 18th Street gang were arrested here Monday by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and officers of the Chamblee Police Department (CPD).

Twenty-two-year-old Lorenzo Gonzalez-Perez of Mexico has a criminal record including several arrests and two convictions for providing false information to police. Gonzalez-Perez, who was previously deported from the U.S. in Aug. 2004, faces immediate deportation from the country.

Also arrested was Luis Alberto Enriquez-Hernandez, 24, a Mexican national previously arrested by police for assault. Enriquez-Hernandez entered the country without having been admitted or paroled. He has been charged administratively for being in the country illegally.

“Under Operation Community Shield, ICE is turning up the pressure on violent criminals and we’re sending a clear message that we won’t tolerate their criminal activities in our communities,” said Kenneth A. Smith, special agent-in-charge in Atlanta. “Criminals with no legal right to remain in the country should know that we’re looking for you and we will find you.”

Both Gonzalez-Perez and Enriquez-Hernandez are in ICE custody. Gonzalez-Perez’ deportation is imminent, while Enriquez-Hernandez will face an immigration judge. Both are being held without bond.

These arrests are part of “Operation Community Shield” an ICE anti-gang initiative launched in March of this year to target members of the MS-13 gang. To date, ICE special agents and their federal, state, and local counterparts have arrested more than 300 MS-13 members nationwide.

Operation Community Shield is designed to disrupt and dismantle violent gang organizations and prosecute their members by employing the full range of authorities and investigative tools available

to ICE. Under this initiative, ICE is employing its broad immigration authorities, both criminal and administrative, against gang members.

Operation Community Shield draws on strong partnerships and cooperation with existing federal, state, and local anti-gang efforts. Such partnerships are essential to the success of the initiative and to ensure officer safety during operations.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.